

# Norwich Bulletin

## NATIONAL GUARDSMEN STILL ON DUTY AT MER ROUGE, LA.

Bodies of Two Alleged Victims of the Mob Were Buried Sunday—Morehouse Parish Was Quiet Last Night—More Than 200 Automobiles Were Parked Along the Roads Leading to the Cemetery—Crowds Started Quietly for Home After the Services—Only One Arrest Has Been Made—It Is Believed Other Arrests Will Be Made After Christmas—Court Has Set January 5 as Date for Open Hearings.

Bastrop, La., Dec. 24.—Morehouse parish was spending a quiet Christmas eve tonight in the midst of the startling investigations instituted by the state last week to clear up the mystery of the kidnapping case of last August when five prominent citizens of Mer Rouge, were abducted by masked and white-robed men.

Bodies of two of the alleged victims of the mob, blown up from the bottom of Lake Le Fourche Thursday, identified as Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, were buried in the Daniels family ground seven miles from Mer Rouge this afternoon side by side in the presence of a vast throng of people.

More than two hundred automobiles and other vehicles were counted parked along the roads leading to the cemetery. The crowds began to assemble at the cemetery hours before the funeral.

The Episcopal service was read and a squad of National Guard escorted the bodies to the graves. The service was a solemn and impressive one. The crowd was silent and respectful.

Daniels was a World War veteran, having seen service in the tank corps. He was unmarried.

Richards was married and the father of two young children.

Both were members of families that were pioneers in Morehouse.

With the funeral services ended the crowds started quietly for home. There was no demonstration or show of vengeance.

Fearing that such a move might add to the danger of the situation, Governor Parker yesterday rescinded the order for the National Guard to guard the court house and jail square.

The governor feared to leave Mer Rouge without protection. It was announced.

Stores and residences are generally reported as stocked with unusual supplies of guns and ammunition and citizens are said to be moving about in vehicles and on foot with their arms at their sides.

Mer Rouge community has been divided into hostile camps since the events following last August, it is admitted.

T. J. Burnett, the lone suspect to reach the jail, charged with the kidnapping, is the charge of murder he must face at the open hearing set for January 5 by the attorney general.

Burnett has made application through his attorneys for a preliminary trial through regular channels to thwart the state's program.

The attorney general has instructed the district judge not to act on the petition for the present.

A former deputy sheriff of Morehouse, good reputation and his friends have come to his assistance and he could not have been implicated in the alleged murders.

No further arrests were made today. It is now believed the others promised will not be effected until after Christmas.

At the conclusion of the open-hearing.

**JUDGE CHATFIELD DIED WHILE DECORATING TREE**

New York, Dec. 24.—Federal Judge Thomas I. Chatfield, of Brooklyn, died suddenly in his home today while decorating a Christmas tree. He was appointed to the bench 15 years ago by President Roosevelt.

His death, physicians said, was due to heart disease.

Judge Chatfield was born in Owego, N. Y., in 1871, and was graduated from Yale in 1893. He took an active part in athletics and was a member of the varsity crew during his senior year. He was a member of Zeta Psi and was a former national president of the fraternity.

For three years after receiving his law degree from Columbia university in 1896, he served as assistant federal district attorney in the Eastern district. He was appointed to the federal bench in 1906.

A widow and two daughters and a son survive.

**FRANCE HONORS MEMORY OF LOUIS PASTEUR**

Paris, Dec. 24.—France's homage to Louis Pasteur, chemist and biologist, on the occasion of the centenary of his birth, began today with a ceremony in the Pasteur Institute. Delegations from scientific bodies, headed by Dr. Pierre Curie, president of the Pasteur Institute, Dr. Croix, president of the Académie des Sciences, and Dr. A. C. C. Calmette, director of the Pasteur Institute at Lille, marched in procession before the tomb of Pasteur, which is a crypt in the institute.

Afterwards Dr. Pasteur of the institute delivered a lecture on Pasteur as an artist and scientist. He recalled that Pasteur at the age of 13 gave promise of becoming an artist and that he pointed many excellent portraits up to the name he became absorbed in scientific research.

## BRIEF TELEGRAMS

A daughter, Elizabeth, was killed in Luxembourg to Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

A woman who was killed in a trolley car in Newington has been identified as Miss Annie Gahmberg, aged 36, of Broadview, Maple Hill.

The Bridgeport police for the first time last week received a radio warning of automobiles being stolen. Detroit sent word of the theft of two machines.

Ragnhild Amundsen, aged 18, was found dead from accidental gas poisoning in her room at 415 Hancock avenue, Bridgeport.

Rev. Richard T. Elliott of Abington has accepted a call to the North Haven Congregational church, New Haven, which has had no pastor since October.

The new exchange in the New Haven plant of the Southern New England Telephone company is called "Pioneer," and was used first on December 13.

William Choniere, 14, one of seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Choniere of North Grosvenordale, was killed while coasting.

A radio signal sent by an amateur wireless station in Manchester, England, was heard by A. B. Tyrill of Riverhead, N. Y., and F. Kral of Washington, D. C.

Three women and two infants were rescued by firemen when fire broke out in an apartment house in the Back Bay district, Boston.

Christmas gifts in the form of parcels to 160 inmates of Massachusetts institutions were granted by the board of parole.

George A. Faunce and John Shea were burned to death when Faunce's shack on the outskirts of Randolph, Mass., was destroyed. Their bodies were found in the ruins.

Bishop William T. Manning, intervened recently to prevent Isadora Duncan, a dancer, from appearing at the Episcopal church of St. Mark's on the Bowdoin, New York.

Governor-elect Charles A. Templeton, announced the appointment of George L. Ayotte, of Waterbury, to be his messenger. Ayotte is a wounded veteran of the 102nd Infantry.

Unification of all the soviet federated republics with the capital at Moscow, is one of the principal questions on the agenda for the all-Russian congress which opened in Moscow.

Holiday crowds at the South station, Boston, were thrown into mild excitement when an unidentified man stabbed Unato Sannalino of Quincy in the neck. The injury was not serious.

The former German emperor has sold to a London and New York company the world right in what he describes as the first official photograph of his recent wedding. The price paid was \$10,000.

A report of a raid at Mars Hill, Arizona, county, the arrest there of Doctors Kincaid and Pepper and the seizure of morphine, was filed in Portland, Me., by Ralph A. Fry, narcotic agent, with his chief.

The schooner Star which was towed to Boston with the Saltybrice by the coast guard cutter Aqueduct, was allowed to sail after the deposit of bonds to cover any fines or customs charges that might be imposed.

A new trial was granted by the supreme court in Hialeah, N. S., to Ralph Miles, a soldier, sentenced to be hanged on Jan. 4, for the fatal shooting of Florence Miles, with whom he had been keeping company.

With police guarding railroad terminals in Boston, to prevent an influx of law breakers over the holidays, the cleanup ordered by Police Superintendent Crowley continued yesterday in an effort to end holdups and crimes.

Bernard Kirk, star University of Michigan football player and chosen as an all-American and the Yale star, died this morning at a hospital in Ypsilanti, Mich., from injuries received in an automobile accident last Sunday.

Surprise was expressed by United States Commissioner B. E. Lynch over the opinion of Judge B. S. Thomas in New Haven, Conn., who held that certain search warrants on which alleged liquor seizures had been made.

The Devine Press, New York, one of the oldest printing establishments in the country, is going out of business. James W. Bothwell, president, announced the firm's decision resulted from "inability to get the type of men suited to our needs."

Clark W. Davenport of Plymouth, Penn., a member of the Wesleyan University basketball team, died in the Midway hospital, Manchester, after an operation for appendicitis, following an injury sustained while playing basketball.

Inventory of the estate of the late William C. Skinner, president of the Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing company, Hartford, shows that he left property valued at \$5,813, mostly in securities. His holdings in the Colt company were received at \$201,000.

Governor Albert O. Brown of New Hampshire announced Christmas pardons for Robert S. Ayer of Manchester and Charles Brigham of Nashua. The latter had served 20 years of a life sentence for murder and Ayer had served seven months of a three years term.

The Los Angeles Times reported an announcement from the promoters that a group of Los Angeles manufacturers, bankers and oil operators has obtained from the Mexican government "what amounts to a blanket concession on all government lands in the oil district of the east coast."

Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle, motion picture actor in Los Angeles, noted the scripture "As ye judge, so shall ye be judged"—in his first official statement in the controversy which followed his Christmas "pardon" granted by Will H. Hays, titular head of the motion picture industry.

Miss Anna Lewis of 919 Tiffany street, New York, and Mrs. Mary Mason, of 1067 Fox street, New York, were removed to the New Haven hospital suffering from injuries they received on the Milford turnpike when an automobile in which they were riding overturned on being hit by another car.

## Sarah Bernhardt's Acting Days Over

Suffered Another Fainting Spell Sunday Morning—Strength Ebbing Away.

Paris, Dec. 24.—(By The A. P.)—Sarah Bernhardt, the famous actress, suffered a relapse during the early hours of this morning when she had another fainting spell which lasted for a considerable time.

Courage alone is said to be sustaining the actress. Her physical strength is declared to be fast ebbing away. The doctors who constantly are in attendance upon her expressed the opinion this evening that only a miracle could save Bernhardt.

Christine, eye in Bernhardt's little mansion in the Boulevard Periere was a silent one. The servants and others in the household moved noiselessly through the semi-darkness of the halls, which usually at the Christmas tide glowed with brilliancy. Bernhardt's seventy-year old butler, Arthur, was sad of eye and disconsolate. "Madame is very low," he said with quivering lips. "Madame was progressing favorably," he added.

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## FASCIST INFLUENCE FACTOR IN THE POLITICS OF MEXICO

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Reports from various cities of clashes in which the fascisti have taken part against the radicals indicate that the movement is gaining impetus. Thus far these clashes have not been of a sanguinary character. President Obregon said recently there could be no fascism in Mexico because it was a movement against bolshevism, and bolshevism did not exist in Mexico.

Senor De La Huerta, minister of the treasury, speaking to the newspapermen Saturday, admitted the presence of fascist organizations in Mexico, but he described fascism as a "mere exotic plant" and as "the conservative reaction" against the Mexican people. The minister added that fascism flourished in other countries "by accident, and under circumstances which do not obtain in Mexico."

Senor De La Huerta expressed it as his belief that the proletariat would reject the idea of fascism and not "commit suicide."

Fascist headquarters here report that the movement is receiving hundreds of new adherents daily and that preparations are in progress for a national convention to be held in Mexico City during the second week of January. Every state in the republic is to be represented.

Wholehearted support for all revolutionary movements against the central government are provided for in the measure, which assures the chamber of deputies that its introduction is prompted by the knowledge that all Mexico is at peace and that the release of the rebel prisoners will not disrupt national order. The bill passes out of the federal assembly everywhere as triumphant; that expeditions originating in the United States have been suppressed and the various leaders of them either have died in battle or before firing squads and that leniency should be shown the prisoners because "either they showed a false conception of loyalty or were merely striving to keep promises which they could not break."

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**AMNESTY URGED FOR ALL MEXICAN REBEL PRISONERS**

Mexico City, Dec. 24.—(By The A. P.)—A request that amnesty be granted all rebel prisoners, including those already sentenced and those awaiting trial, was contained in a bill sent to the chamber of deputies last night by President Obregon. The president urged immediate passage of the measure so that it might become effective Jan. 1.

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**ALL-RUSSIAN CONGRESS IN SESSION IN MOSCOW**

Moscow, Dec. 24.—(By The A. P.)—After six months of watchful waiting, the United States suddenly has arrived at the conclusion that Soviet Russia was a real factor in world economy and must be reckoned with, according to an assertion made by M. Kamenoff, president of the Moscow soviet, at the opening of the all-Russian congress yesterday.

M. Kamenoff spoke in the place of M. Lenin, the premier, who, he announced, had prepared an extensive report, but was unable to leave his home for several days owing to the fact that he was ill from over-work. Kamenoff said it was hoped that Lenin would be able to address the congress before adjournment.

Reviewing the foreign relations of the soviet, Kamenoff announced that Russia was ready to enter into new treaties along the lines of the Rapallo treaty. This alone, he declared, could save Russia from new wars and guarantee economic development.

**REPARATIONS DISCUSSED BY POINCARÉ AND REVEL**

Paris, Dec. 24.—(By The A. P.)—Reparations and guarantees were the subject of a meeting today between Premier Poincaré, M. Revel, minister of finance, Yves Le Troquer, minister of public works, Louis Barthou, president of the reparations commission, and other prominent financiers. The meeting lasted three hours.

An official note issued at the conclusion of the conference specified that the delivery of nitrate demanded from Germany was among the matters discussed. It added that officials from the ministry of liberated regions gave an account of the recent mission to Berlin and the difficulties they encountered.

**REPRESENTATIVE KELLER UNDER DOCTOR'S CARE**

Washington, Dec. 24.—Threatened with a nervous breakdown, Representative Oscar Keller, republican, Minnesota, who is recovering from a recent attack of pneumonia, is under the care of a doctor at his home here. His physician said today that his condition was not serious, but that on account of high blood pressure and nervousness, he would be kept at home for a time.

Friends of Mr. Keller said he had been under a severe strain in connection with the committee hearing.

**A POSSIBILITY OF CHICAGO BECOMING 125 MILES LONG**

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The possibility of Chicago growing into a city more than 125 miles long stretching from Milwaukee into Indiana with a population of 15 million persons was discussed yesterday at a meeting of the Wisconsin Association of City and County Planners in Kenosha.

William H. Schuchardt, president, warned the planners to consider the possibility of Milwaukee becoming a part of Chicago. He expressed the opinion that such a city, touching three states, was not merely a dream, but will be a reality in the "not distant future."

**MAN ARRESTED IN MERIDEN BOARDING HOUSE**

Meriden, Dec. 24.—James Kane, 33, was found dead in his room in a boarding house at 25 Crown street, here last evening. Death was pronounced accidental, due to inhibition of the heart from a heater valve of which had been opened accidentally.

**SECURITY AND VINDICATED THE NATIONAL HONOR**

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Harding, in a Christmas message to disabled war veterans made public tonight, declared they were "entitled to the utmost assurance that a grateful people stands behind them, and anxious to do and will continue to do everything possible for them."

The greeting of the president, which the disabled American veterans through its national officers here sent out to their members, was as follows:

"It is deemed especially fitting that at the Christmas season the gratitude of the nation should be extended to the sick, disabled and maimed men of the country's military services. These men are beyond all others the most sorely tried victims of the armed service in which they and their comrades upheld the national honor."

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